निराश्रित महिलाओं का सर्वेक्षण

3026. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे:** क्या सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पूरे देश से आकर मथुरा, वृंदावन, वाराणसी और हरिद्वार जैसे तीर्थस्थलों में शरण लेने वाली विधवा, परित्यक्ता और निराश्रित महिलाओं के संबंध में सरकार ने कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांधी): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

School Buildings for SC/ST Students in Andhra Pradesh

3027. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to provide 50 per cent of the expenditure for implementation of compulsory primary education for SCs and STs including cost of the construction of the residential school buildings for SC/ST students; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to sanction the grant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had sent a proposal in 1997-98 for sanction of Rs. 2878.00 lakhs under the scheme of compulsory primary education for SC children on 50:50 sharing basis between State Government and Central Government. But this Ministry has no such scheme under which Government of Andhra Pradesh's proposal could be financed.

Appointment of Personnel from SCs and STs to Senior Positions

3028. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Parliamentary Forum for SCs and STs demanded a suitable legislation to ensure appointment of personnel from the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes to senior positions in Government run establishments; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to implement the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance for Artisans in Andhra Pradesh

3029. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has initiated a new scheme for the benefit of eight lakh artisans depending on traditional profession in the State;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government sought a matching assistance of Rs. 100 crores through NBCFDC for the benefit of artisans in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon and by when it would be sanctioned?